

OGC Has Reviewed

2 February 1954

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Review of Automobile Accident Investigation

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1. In accordance with your request to the Inspector General, I have reviewed your claim for damage which arose out of a collision with an Agency shuttle bus on 17 February 1953 at Independence Avenue and the north end of the Tidal Basin. The driver of the Agency vehicle, [REDACTED] has also been interviewed.

2. This review indicates that, as was also determined by a hearing before the corporation counsel of the District of Columbia, neither driver was in apparent violation of traffic regulations. In addition, such negligence, if any, as might be determined to exist, might well be found against you as well as the Agency driver, or against neither.

3. As a result I find that determination of liability on the part of the Federal Government is not within the administrative authority of this Agency. Our authority extends only to those cases where investigation reveals that the Federal Government if a private person would be liable in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia.

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LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON  
General Counsel

OGC/LRH:cdg

Distribution

cc: Orig - Addressee

cc - Accident file *HH*

cc - Logistics [REDACTED]

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